

CONEY CROWD IS ALL NIGHT GETTING HOME

400,000, Record for Season, Swamp B. R. T. When Night Rush Starts.

POLICE RESERVES OUT

100,000 Get in Surf Despite Profiteers, Who Are Busy All Along Line.

More than 400,000 persons went to Coney Island yesterday, and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, although operating more trains to and from the island than on any other day of the year, was swamped by the rush for home that started shortly after dark. The press of people about the ticket windows, and the many fights that started when thousands tried to push their way into cars that could hold only hundreds, finally became so great that the B. R. T. was compelled to ask the Police Department for aid.

The reserves from the Coney Island police station were sent to the West End station, where most of the crowd was trying to board the trains, and succeeded in forming lines and getting the throngs in order. The traction company ran trains out on all lines as fast as it was possible to secure away from another, but at midnight the crowd did not appear to have diminished at all. One of the unusual features of the rush was the fact that the crowd was decidedly orderly. There were no fights, and there were enough policemen on hand to prevent a throng crowding into a train after it already had been filled. It was said by B. R. T. officials at midnight that the last of the crowd could not be hauled away from the island until about 2 o'clock this morning.

Coney Island swarmed with humanity all day yesterday. The crowd was the largest of the season and probably the largest that the island has seen on any day in recent years. The lineup at the Municipal Bath, before the building opened at 8 o'clock, was fully half a mile long, and it did not diminish during the entire day. At other bathhouses the situation was the same, but more than 100,000 people were able to go bathing who desired to do so. The police estimated, however, that 100,000 succeeded in getting into the surf. Prices of everything went skyrocketing, although the bathhouse profiteers were held somewhat in check by the recent law of the Board of Aldermen limiting them to posted prices. But in other lines, such as hot dogs and ice cream and soda water and all sorts of drinks, the profiteers saw their chance and took it.

Another unusual feature of the day at Coney was the fact that, in spite of the tremendous crowd, there were no serious accidents and no drownings. The number of lost children, however, reached a new record, 150 being cared for by the matron at the police station. All of them, however, were returned eventually to their parents.

FIVE MASKED MEN HOLD UP FOURTEEN

Police Conceal \$7,000 Robbery in Borough Park Section of Brooklyn.

The police are looking for five masked men who, armed with revolvers, held up fourteen men at an apartment house at Fifteenth avenue and Forty-second street, in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, and robbed them of more than \$7,000 in jewelry and cash. The holdup occurred early Saturday morning, but all knowledge of it was concealed by the police until yesterday.

John J. Sullivan, acting captain in charge of the Tenth Police District, said that the men were in a card game in the basement of the apartment house when they were robbed, despite the statement of some of the complainants that they were cornered outside the building, backed up against a wall at the point of revolvers, and relieved of their belongings.

Capt. Sullivan in his report gave the names of the following as having been among those robbed: Julius Rubin of 4486 Fourteenth avenue, Max Reinberg of 1249 Thirty-sixth street, Max Abrams of 1239 Thirty-seventh street, and Morris Connet of 1341 Forty-first street. Rubin said that another man, Abe Butler of Coney Island, was the heaviest loser, having been robbed of \$1,200.

Rubin maintained that the holdup took place outside of the apartment house, which runs from Forty-second street to Forty-third. The man who appeared to be the leader, he said, wore a black mask, and the four others had handkerchiefs over their faces. He said that after the holdup the bandits ran around the corner, jumped into an automobile and disappeared. The police were notified and two of the victims, with some patrolmen, went as far as the West End station, where it was learned that the man had abandoned their automobile and taken the West End train.

Rubin said that the leader spoke broken English and two of the others spoke with Swedish accents. Another, he said, appeared to be an Italian, although it was difficult to distinguish their nationality or obtain a description of them.

FIVE ARRESTS IN HOLDUP

Men Accused of Groggling United Cigar Store Clerk.

Accused of being the men who on the night of July 24 drove up in a taxicab to the United Cigar Store at 1770 Madison avenue, bound and gagged Bernard Sneek, a clerk, and escaped with \$185, five men were arrested yesterday in the home of James Gaylor, metal worker, at 222 East 125th street. Besides Gaylor, the others arrested described themselves as Samuel Greenwald, deckhand, 281 St. Ann's avenue, The Bronx; Thomas Hays, laborer, 246 East 125th street; Thomas Connolly, wire worker, 2225 Third avenue, and John Dugan, tinsmith, 325 Orange street, Albany, N. Y.

They denied the charge, but in Harlem court Magistrate Douglas held Greenwald in \$2,500 and the others in \$1,500 bail each for examination this morning. The arrests were made by Detectives Shields, Cassidy and Webb of the East 125th street station.

BUTCHERS MEET THIS WEEK

Will Tell Housewives How to Buy Cheaper Cuts.

The cost of meat products will receive special attention at the convention this week of the United Master Butchers of America, which opens to-day at the Hotel Pennsylvania and continues through Thursday. Education of the housewife to use the cheaper cuts will also be a chief topic of discussion.

MAN SHOT DEAD IN DANCE HALL BRAWL

James Hillier, Bouncer, Held for Joseph Woerle's Death in North Beach Casino.

FORMER BADLY WOUNDED

Quarrel Followed Request of Dead Man's Wife for Drink of Whiskey.

Joseph Woerle, of 241 East Seventy-first street, accompanied by his wife, Lillian, her sister, Mrs. Helen Boehm, of 201 Howard street, Newark, and Thomas P. Coninsky, of 121 Broadway, Queens, went into the Castle Heights Casino at North Beach early yesterday. They obtained a table near the dance floor and sat for several minutes drinking near beer. The waiters refused to serve them with anything stronger.

After some time the party saw James Hillier, of 241 East Seventy-first street, together with another man and a woman, sitting at a table some five feet away from them. Hillier, the bouncer at the Casino, was drinking whiskey which he poured from a bottle. He was asked by the police for a drink of liquor. "I'll pay for it," she told him.

Mrs. Woerle told the police later that Hillier, instead of giving her a drink, insulted her and she demanded an apology. The other man and the woman at Hillier's table became involved in the quarrel and Woerle came over to tell the police by Mrs. Woerle. Hillier drew a pistol and began shooting as soon as her husband reached her side. The first shot struck Woerle in the heart and he dropped to the floor dead.

The lights went out immediately and pistol shots blazed out from all corners of the big hall. Detectives came from the Seventeenth Detective Bureau a few minutes later. They found Coninsky and Mrs. Woerle and Mrs. Boehm putting Woerle's body into an automobile. The car was then driven to the St. John's Hospital in Long Island City, where he was placed under arrest, charged with homicide. Mrs. Woerle, Mrs. Boehm and Coninsky were held as material witnesses.

VANDALS BUSY ON FAHNESTOCK ESTATE

Property Stolen or Destroyed in Cottages.

Several cottages in the 2,000-acre Fahnestock estate in Putnam Valley, near Peekskill, were looted yesterday of almost their entire contents and property valued at several thousand dollars destroyed by vandals. The Putnam county authorities were notified last night by Superintendent Ringold, who is in charge of the estate. He said that employees of the estate discovered the thieves and drove them away after an exchange of pistol shots, but that he had discovered evidence by which he believes they can be traced. Two of the troopers of the State constabulary stationed at Brewster have been sent to the estate.

Earlier in the day George B. Agnew, wife of the former State Senator, who has a large estate at South Salem, near Brewster, telephoned the county authorities and said the motor car bandits had tried to break into her house. The Agnew servants were aroused before the thieves had time to steal anything and the bandits were driven away by half a dozen men employed by the Agnew estate.

Few details of the robbery of the Fahnestock estate were furnished to the Putnam county authorities, but a full report will be made by the State troopers. It was said last night, however, that the thieves went calmly and systematically from cottage to cottage, looting everything of any value and destroying whatever property they could not carry away. The Fahnestock estate was built up by the late Major Clarence Fahnestock, son of Francis Fahnestock of New York, and on the Major's death it was bequeathed to his brother, Dr. Ernest Fahnestock of 22 West Fifty-fourth street.

M'GRAW BEATEN, HIS FRIEND IN HOSPITAL

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him. Whether Dr. Lyle had been sent by Stavins family or friends could not be ascertained. His condition was described at the hospital as very serious. It was stated that he is about 52 years of age and that he lives at 182 Case street, Elmhurst, L. I.

A point that puzzled the police last night was a statement by the chauffeur, Megan, that he took the party from the Lambs Club at about 7:30 o'clock in the morning. They were unable to understand how it could take from 7:30 until noon for the party to make its way up town and for the events to transpire which were described by the persons examined.

Megan told the detectives incidentally that despite the insistence of each member of the party that to him alone be accorded the privilege of settling for the trip he had not been paid at all. This, however, he attributed to the excitement that followed the accident.

On his way to the Polo Grounds, where his team was playing the Chicago Cubs yesterday afternoon, McGraw stopped at the hospital to inquire regarding Stavins' condition. He also made anxious inquiries later in the day.

At the Lambs Club no one could be found who would shed any light upon the early morning fracas. In the afternoon the chief steward said that the members had decided not to discuss the matter. Last night a captain of club attendants said:

"We know less about the matter here than you know. All that we know is that some people came in here this morning and that they were disorderly. We don't know who they were or anything about it."

It was learned last night that the police report on the matter contained the statement that the man who assaulted McGraw at the Lambs Club had been "an actor, whose name is unknown," and that the report also contained some references to intoxication of certain individuals.

Sisters Are Gun Victims

Helen Almeida and her sister Eleanor, who live in 226 East 104th street, were taken yesterday to Reception Hospital to recover from the effects of gas poisoning. A leaking jet in the apartment where they lived already had rendered them unconscious when a policeman and a neighbor broke the door in. Dr. Kiser worked over them with a pump for half an hour.

BANDITS TAKE CASH REGISTER AND \$500

Eighth Avenue Restaurant Held Up by Gunmen.

Six men walked into an all night restaurant at 2225 Eighth avenue early yesterday morning, ordered steaks with trimmings, paid their checks, and then after a short conference on the sidewalk came back, held the manager against the wall with two automatic revolvers and carried the cash register bodily out to an automobile a few doors above. The register contained about \$150. Thomas Menedis, brother of Peter

Menedis, who owns the restaurant, is in charge of the place at night. Several people were eating in the restaurant when the six men came in. They called no suspicion and did not hurry over their meal. Even when they came back, after talking together in the street, Menedis thought nothing unusual until the two automobiles were shoved in his face.

The cash register stands close by the door, and it was whisked outside and the car started so quickly that Menedis caught only a blurred glimpse of the number plate as the bandits sped down the avenue.

The police were notified last night that a cash register, completely smashed, had been found in a basement at Sixtieth street and Ninth avenue.

LIFELESS BODY IN MOTOR BOAT

Police Probe Death of Joseph Ayres, Found in Pelham Bay.

Adrift in his motorboat, the lifeless body of Joseph A. Ayres, 50, a shirt-waist maker, living at 1578 Park avenue, The Bronx, was found yesterday in Pelham Bay about a mile north of the Fort Schuyler shore.

From the appearance of the body the police were doubtful whether Ayres had been struck by lightning in Saturday's storm or had succumbed to an attack of heart trouble, to which he was subject. An autopsy will be performed to-day. Ayres was a fishing enthusiast, and had started out on a trip from Thro's Neck.

NUNS ESTABLISH COMMUNITY HERE

Carmelites Make Foundation With Five Members.

A new religious community, formed by one of the oldest and best known bodies of women in the Roman Catholic Church, the Carmelite nuns, has been established in New York. The monastery is at 40 East Seventy-sixth street.

The community at present consists of five nuns, of whom the Rev. Mother Teresa is prioress. They came from the mother house in Baltimore, which in turn traces its origin to the monastery erected at Port Tobacco, Md., in 1790.

From time to time small groups have gone out from the Baltimore monastery to start new foundations in other cities. They are now in Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Wheeling, Seattle, Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Green Bay, Mich., and Grand Rapids. The order was founded in the sixteenth century.

REFORMATORY TO HAVE PAPER

Women at Bedford Institution Soon to Issue Publication.

Sing Sing's Star of Hope is to have a feminine rival at the State Reformatory for Women at Bedford, N. Y., according to a decision announced yesterday by Mrs. Frank L. Christian, one of the managers and acting superintendents of the Bedford institution. Dr. Menas S. Gregory, head of the psychiatric ward of Bellevue and another manager, is sponsor for the idea of a newspaper edited and printed by the inmates. Mrs. Christian said, and it was started as soon as Dr. Gregory can find a small press for the purpose.

At church services the white and negro inmates were allowed to mingle for the first time since the riots of July 16, after services the white girls were taken for a walk, picking apples on the way. The colored girls also had outdoor exercise.

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It's a subject most people thought was finished in November, 1918, when the Armistice was signed. But the subject produced a by-product—and it's only just begun to live!

Government hospitals still shelter convalescent boys who were maimed on the other side of the Atlantic. Many thousands of them have been discharged as cured. Some of them have taken advantage of the government's offer of vocational training, which carries with it pay of from \$80-\$170 a month, while learning, for those who suffered a 10% disability or more. Some of them have gotten jobs. And some of them have made good.

Shattered Hope and Faith

But there are others who haven't taken advantage of the government's aid, because their faith in humanity has been shattered, along with their bodies. And still others, who have gone through the training, obtained positions—and failed to make good, because their mental poise has lost its foundation. Original suffering and subsequent, endless confinement to bed has bred in their bones a restlessness that resists all endeavors to concentrate and stick.

The Congress of the United States has appropriated the funds and created the means to distribute them through the Federal Board, the War Risk Insurance Bureau, Vocational Training Bureau, Public Health Hospitals, Red Cross, etc., but many of the boys who have suffered a disability either do not know enough or are too lax to take full advantage of what is offered.

Neither the government nor the people of the country are neglectful now that affairs are adjusted. It is the boys themselves who are weak and need moral support and encouragement. They have to be helped. Not particularly with money. Not with superficial expressions of sympathy. Not with vague, never-to-be-fulfilled promises. They have to be helped by men and women taking an interest in what's going to become of them—and why.

Rotary's Latest Activity

The Rotary Clubs of the United States—400 of them—composed of vigorous business men all able to help and willing to help, have taken up this work as their latest activity. It is Rotary's purpose to see that the boys are encouraged to accept the government's aid; that care is taken in choosing the proper vocational for each discharged boy; that the boys, at all times, receive justice at the hands of the government; and that when they have finished their training they are absorbed again into civil life.

Many things had to be considered before this work was entered upon, and Rotary went into it with thoroughness. It remains only for the public to understand what the Rotary Clubs are about to do and to lend their support whenever possible.

The Fact Remains

We were more than willing to accept the protection of the sturdy lads who went overseas to stem the tide. Now that they are less sturdy, both in mind and body, we should be more than willing to give them our moral support.

The Rotary Club of New York invites helpful suggestion and requests that, whenever it is possible, the readers of this page will lend a helping hand in this great work.

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